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MASONS MAKE REPORT

It is a matter of regret that in this state during the last political campaign religious prejudice was introduced into the fight for political preferment with a fervor unbecoming a sane people. Articles were published giving the names of members of the Catholic church, who were candidates, and advising protestants to vote against them. There was published also what was reputed to be the oath taken by Knights of Columbus that was calculated to stir up a bitter religious prejudice against the Catholics. An investigation of the Knights of Columbus was recently made by four of the most honorable Masons in the State of California, and the finding of this committee has been given general circulation. The Dallas News has written an editorial on the findings of the committee, which is true and which expresses our sentiment, and is used here because it is better written than one we might write, and because we would like to contribute our full share toward overcoming as well as it may be done, this prejudice which has been built up. The News says:

A committee of distinguished Masons living in California has had under consideration the ritual of the Knights of Columbus as well as the pledges and oaths taken by the members of that organization. Its inquiry, invited by the supreme officers of the Knights of Columbus, was made, to quote its own language, "for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not a certain alleged oath of the Knights of Columbus, which has been printed and widely circulated, was used by the order, and whether, if it was not used, any oath, obligation or pledge was used which was or would be offensive to Protestants or Masons, or those who are engaged in circulating a document of peculiar viciousness." And its finding has been, to quote its own language:

"We find that neither the alleged oath, nor any oath or pledge bearing the remotest resemblance thereto in matter, manner, spirit or purpose is used or forms a part of the ceremonies of any degree of the Knights of Columbus. The alleged oath is scurrilous, wicked and libelous, and must be the invention of an impious and venomous mind. We find that the order of Knights of Columbus, as shown by its rituals, is dedicated to the Catholic religion, charity and patriotism. There is no propaganda, proposed or taught, against Protestants or Masons or persons not of Catholic faith. Indeed, Protestants or Masons are not referred to directly or indirectly in the ceremonials and pledges. The ceremonial of the order teaches a high and noble patriotism, instills a love of country, inculcates a reverence for law and order, urges the conscientious and unselfish performance of civic duty, and holds up the constitution of our country as the richest and most precious possession of a knight of the order. We can find nothing in the entire ceremonial that, to our minds, could be objected to by any person."

There are men, and even organizations in this country that have exploited this sectarian prejudice for the profits that were to be made out of their treacherable and unholly enterprise. They have used the Protestant religions to engender suspicions and hatreds which violate the spirit of every religion. They have been panders to the basest of passions. They have comforted the ignorant and vicious, and, what is infinitely worse, they have deluded and betrayed many

men and women who are neither ignorant nor vicious, but who suffered under suspicions which made them also the prey of these men who have been industrious in strife-stirring for the profit it afforded them.

With sensible people, the Knights of Columbus have not needed this acquittance of the slanders brought against them. Instinct, if not observation and reason have told them that neither the Catholic church nor any of its auxiliary organizations imposes any obligation on its communicants that are incompatible with their duty to the country. To have this faith was merely to manifest a modicum of rudimentary intelligence, for history and the daily records of our time are replete of examples of devout Catholics giving the very best in them to the service of their country and to their fellow-men, irrespective of religious affiliation. But while sensible men, who have put themselves to the trouble of a moment's reflection, have needed no such assurance as this committee of Masons has given, there are good men and women whose minds have so far yielded to the seductions of malignant propagandists for profit as to harbor the suspicion that perhaps Catholics, and particularly those who are also Knights of Columbus, are made to subordinate their civic to their religious duties. For such as these the report of this committee of Masons ought to be enlightening and convincing. If it shall disabuse such minds of their uncharitable and unjust suspicions, it will have rendered a service to them and to the country. Cannot the people of the United States in this twentieth century, throw off completely the incubus of the religious bigotry that is inherited from the ignorance of the Middle Ages?

STARVATION AND PEACE

Will the cannon or will hunger dictate the terms of peace? That is a pertinent question since the allies have determined that no ships bearing food shall be landed in German ports. The army may fight half starved and do even better work, for hunger begets a fiendishness that may make a better soldier of a man, but the Kaiser cannot direct a war when the women and children die of hunger. England and France with their powerful navies ought to be able to succeed in their attempt to starve Germany into submission. A slice of territory as large as New England can be taken out of Texas and Texas will have a greater area left than the entire empire of Germany. A country so small, with seventy millions of people, and with its men at war cannot support itself. Germany is farther advanced in agriculture than any other country in the world, but at its best it cannot more than support three-fourths of its population. Very few food ships have ever landed at German ports since the war began, and the chances are now that the entire food supply from the outside will be cut off. What England seems unable to do with military skill, she will do with the vastness of her navy in starving a country into submission. While war brings wreck and ruin, and death hunger comes laden with intense suffering, with wild fear and with disease and sorrow and death, and after all, a war fought out on the basis of starvation, where hungry children will sicken and die, is not more humanitarian than to fight out the battles to a finish, with powder and with the sword.

Market reports say Germany is overstocked with cotton. Its mills can supply clothing for an indefinite time, but the small farm is the factory that must turn out the food supply, and nature has so fixed things that the farm can raise just so much and that supply is not sufficient for the demands of the people.

The vastness of the English navy may accomplish what the British military cannot do.

It now seems certain that Russia's two hundred millions of bushels of wheat will be taken from the elevators and distributed through Russia and through the countries of the allies. That wheat cannot be moved for some weeks on account of the severity of the weather and on account of the ice, but it will be moved before it is needed. If Russia did not have this supply of wheat, the allied armies can be fed from other nations. It does not seem reasonable that Germany can throw a cordon of war and fire about England and hold it there. In ships and in ship destroyers it is far outranked by the British nation and while the emperor seems to be trying to do all that is left him, yet a view of the situation from this far sees only an attempt, because it does not look reasonable that it can succeed.

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GOVERNOR PUTS PRICE ON BANDITS

"DEAD OR ALIVE" \$1,000 FOR HENRY STARR AND OTHERS WHO RAIDED STATE BANK OF CARNEY.

Oklahoma City, March 2.—A reward of \$1,000 for Henry Starr and other bandits taking part in the daring raid on the State Bank of Carney December 29 is offered by the state in a proclamation issued Monday by Governor R. L. Williams. A "dead or alive" clause is included in the proclamation.

This is the first reward offered by Governor Williams under the provisions of the recently passed bank robber bill empowering the chief executive to place a price on the heads of bandits, enacted by the legislature after a series of flagrant daylight robberies and successful safe-blowings had left the state agape.

The price of \$1,000 is the largest the governor is permitted by the bill to pay in a single case.

The holdup of the Carney bank was staged December 29 and netted the robbers nearly \$3,000 in cash. Early in January it was followed by several equally brazen robberies in rapid succession. The whole southwest was shocked and the Oklahoma legislature was moved quickly to pass the hurriedly-drawn bill which carried a \$15,000 appropriation to be paid for the capture or death of the highwaymen and safeblowers. A robbery at Teriton, in which Bob Moore, a deputy sheriff, lost his life, was the fearful climax to the series.

The following is the complete text of Governor Williams' proclamation:

The Proclamation.
 "Whereas, on or about the 29th day of December, 1914, the Carney State bank of Carney, Okla., was robbed of the sum of \$2,853, and

"Whereas, certain parties, one of whom is Henry Starr, are charged with the commission of said crime and are at large and have not been arrested since the commission of said offense;

"Now, therefore, I, R. L. E. Williams, governor of the state of Oklahoma, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby proclaim and offer that the state of Oklahoma will pay as a reward the sum of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of said parties.

"It is further hereby proclaimed that in the offering of this reward, it is not contemplated that any life shall be taken, but if the said Henry Starr, or any other of said parties, while resisting arrest, is killed, upon the furnishing of satisfactory proof to me that he, the said Henry Starr, or any other of said parties, is guilty of the crime for which this reward is offered, the reward will be due and payable the same as if the said Starr or any other of said parties had been arrested, tried and convicted.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the state of Oklahoma, at Oklahoma City, this the first day of March, A. D. 1915."

Starr Noted Chara. Ter.

Henry Starr, the only man named in the proclamation, is a brother of the famous Pony Starr of the Porum feud and is descended from Belle Starr, the picturesque woman bandit whose name is familiar to pioneers in Oklahoma. All his life is spotted with penitentiary intervals. He was convicted of murder in the Indian Territory many years ago and went to the federal penitentiary only to be pardoned by President Theodore Roosevelt.

He was confined in the Oklahoma penitentiary for robbery when the institution was located at Lansing, Kan. A parole signed by Governor C. N. Haskell gave him liberty.

In Colorado he again went up for bank robbery and served a few years before another parole, this one by the Colorado chief executive, gave him a chance to invade Oklahoma again. Disappearing in 1914, after violating his parole, he has not been heard of officially, but officers who have been busy investigating the series of Oklahoma bank robberies last month connect his name with several of the list.

Starr is thought to be hiding in the Osage hills at present and is

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 stops the hair from falling out
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STEAMSHIP COMPANY INDICTED

HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINE IS CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD GOVERNMENT—CUSTOMS VIOLATIONS.

New York, March 2.—The federal grand jury, which has been investigating violations of the customs laws in connection with the furnishing of supplies to German cruisers in the Atlantic, today returned indictments against the Hamburg-American line and five men alleged to have been connected with the shipment. The indictments charge conspiracy to defraud the government through the filing at the custom-house of false records, false clearances of vessels and false manifests of cargo.

The men named in the indictments are Karl Bunz, director, in charge of the New York office of the Hamburg-American line; J. Poppenhouse, who served as supercargo on the steamship Berwind; George Kotter, Felix Jeffner and Adolph Hacmeister.

Investigating Since Friday.

The federal grand jury had been investigating since Friday last a complaint made by Sir Courtenay Bennett, British Consul General here, and evidence submitted by the officers of the United States district attorney. The consul general alleged violations of the customs law in connection with the chartering of the American steamships Berwind and Lorenzo, and the Norwegian steamships Fram and Somerstad.

Kotter is superintendent of the Hamburg-American line here, and Jeffner was supercargo of the Lorenzo, a vessel owned by the New York and Porto Rico Steamship Co., which was surprised and captured in West Indian waters by a British cruiser, while coaling the German cruiser Karlsruhe.

Two Indictments Were Returned.

The conspiracy, it is charged in the indictments, was formed on Aug. 1, last, and included the defendants named, and other persons unknown to the grand jury. In furtherance of the conspiracy, it is alleged in the indictments, Superintendent Kotter, on Aug. 5, 1914, consulted with John H. Gans of the Gans Steamship Line, officials of the Berwind-White Coal Mining Co., and Wessells, Kulenkampf & Company, exporters, regarding the clearance of the Berwind. It is further charged in the indictments that on the same day Karl Bunz and George Kotter consulted with Gustave Kulenkampf, a member of the last named firm, about the clearance of the steamship Lorenzo with a cargo of coal for Buenos Aires.

It was the firm of Wessells, Kulenkampf & Company which cleared the Lorenzo from this port. The Lorenzo had aboard 3,997 tons of coal. The same concern cleared the Berwind, which had aboard 2,737 tons of coal. The Berwind steamed from New York on August 5, for Buenos Aires and arrived at Rio Janeiro Sept. 18, more than two weeks overdue.

The federal authorities here are said to have learned of the operations and movements of the Berwind and the Lorenzo in their efforts to furnish supplies to the German auxiliary cruiser Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse and the Karlsruhe, from various members of the crews of the two American ships.

The sailors complained that they had been badly treated on the trips to the German warships. Alleged facts in this connection were considered by the grand jury. The defendants will be arraigned in the United States district court here tomorrow for pleading.

said to have surrounded himself with a squad of desperadoes as dangerous as their leader. The Osage hills offer ideal concealment for criminals, it being almost impossible to round up a gang of clever outlaws once it reaches the wild Osage country.

Oklahoma has had seventeen bank robberies since last spring. The series this winter was the most startling. The bill giving the governor the power to offer rewards, and setting aside money with which to pay them, was intended to incite more effort on the part of officers and at the same time have an effect on would-be robbers.

For the Stomach and Liver.

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FOR SALE—Oil derrick and casing of all sizes. If you want a bargain, see H. M. Pennington or Julius Kahn. 13-1m

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LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—Bunch of keys, friend return to this office or to Bob Poland. 1-3

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MENTION LOOFBURROW

FOR FAT OSAGE PLUM Washington, March 1.—Judge R. W. Loofburrow, named by former Governor Lee Cruce as a member of the Oklahoma supreme court commission, is being prominently mentioned for appointment as Osage tribal attorney. The judge is backed by some very prominent democrats. Joe Hull, a partner of former Attorney General Charles West, and formerly an assistant attorney general of Oklahoma, is again an active candidate for the Osage attorneyship. Mr. Hull lives at Oklahoma City. Congressman Jim Davenport is still insisting upon the appointment of Judge L. M. Poe of Tulsa.

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